

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BUTTE DIVISION

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MAR 12 2012  
PATRICK E. DUFFY, CLERK  
By DEPUTY CLERK, BUTTE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 11-33-BU-DWM

Plaintiff,

vs.

FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION  
CONCERNING PLEA

VALERIE DANIELLE SIGLER,

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to one count of conspiring to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute marijuana in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846 as set forth in the Information. Defendant has agreed to the forfeiture allegations advanced under 21 U.S.C. § 853.

After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

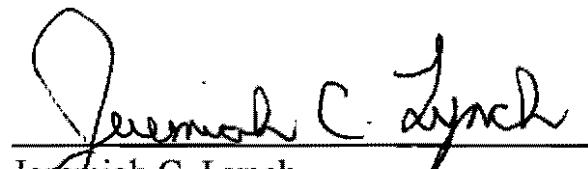
1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea,
2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against her and consequences of pleading guilty to the charge,

3. That the Defendant fully understands her constitutional rights, and the extent to which she is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and
4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the offense charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that she fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of the sole count of the Information, and that sentence be imposed.

**This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea Agreement and the presentence report.**

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.



Jeremiah C. Lynch  
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United States Magistrate Judge